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1. THE CITIZEN, JOHANNESBURG, TUESDAY JUNE 14 , UNDER THE BY-LINE AIDA PARKER CONTINUES, AS PART 2, ITS SERIES ON THE SECRET U.S. WAR AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, AS FOLLOWS QUOTE US INSTITUTE USED AS ANTI-SA SPEARHEAD. BECAUSE PRETORIA TRUSTED THE US, NO CONTINUOUS, CONCENTRATED EFFORT HAS EVER BEEN MADE TO MONITOR OVERT AND COVERT AMERICAN ACTIVITIES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. TODAY, HOWEVER, I CAN DISCLOSE DETAILS OF HOW ONE OF AMERICA'S RICHEST AND MOST POWERFUL ESTABLISHMENT ORGANISATIONS- HANDLING HUGE US GOVERNMENT AND STATE DEPARTMENT FUNDS - HAS BEEN USED AS ONE OF THEIR MAIN SPEARHEADS BY LIBERALS AND RADICALS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO OVERTHROW WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS SOUTH AFRICA'S WHITE MINORITY REGIME. THIS IS THE NEW YORK-BASED AFRICA-AMERICAN INSTITUTE (AAI), AN ORGANISATION WHICH TODAY FAITHFULLY REFLECTS THE ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN STANCE TAKEN BY THE LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL WINGS OF THE

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STATE DEPARTMENT, THE CIA AND THE WHITE HOUSE HIERARCHY.

ENEMIES

IN ONE OF ITS MORE OPEN MOVES, THE AAI LAST DECEMBER ORGANISED A FIVE-DAY INDABA AT MASERU , ATTENDED BY 116 DELEGATES, INCLUDING SOME OF SOUTH AFRICA'S MOST DEDICATED ENEMIES. OSTENSIBLY THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICAN

PROBLEMS. BUT THE MAIN PART OF THE MEETING, HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS, WAS TO DISCUSS THE MOST EFFECTIVE METHODS OF BREAKING DOWN APARTHEID, HOW TO OVERTHROW THE " WHITE MINORITY REGIME", AND WHETHER THIS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH PEACEFUL OR VIOLENT MEANS.

DELEGATES INCLUDED THE VIOLENTLY ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN MR. CHARLES DIGGS; SENATOR DICK CLARK; NIGERIA'S VIRULENTLY ANTI-SOUTH AFRICAN BRIGADIER JOSEPH GARBA; DAVID SEBELO, THE NEW YORK-BASED DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR THE BANNED PAN-AFRICANIST CONGRESS; REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BANNED ANC; AND MEMBERS OF THE BLACK PEOPLES' CONVENTION.

MUCH LESS WELL KNOWN TO SOUTH AFRICANS IS THAT SINCE 1962 AAI HAS SPENT AN ESTIMATED R20-MILLION ON BLACK EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES, VAST AMOUNTS OF THIS HAVING BEEN SET ASIDE FOR REFUGEES AND MEMBERS OF "RECOGNISED" LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. MANY OF THEM HAVE COME BACK TO TAKE PART IN ORGANISED MILITANCY.

RADICALS.

IN THIS PARTICULAR RANGE OF PROGRAMMES, IT HAS LONG BEEN CLAIMED THAT, THERE IS A STRONG CONNECTION BETWEEN THE AAI AND THE CIA'S "DIRTY TRICKS" DEPARTMENT.

AAI IS KNOWN TO BE CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH NEGRO RADICALS IN THE US, WITH ANC AND PAC EXPATRIATES, WITH MANY BANNED SOUTH AFRICANS AND WITH WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN EXILES IN NEW YORK.

AAI ADMINISTERS, ON BEHALF OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN STUDENT PROGRAMME (SASP) A SHADOWY UNDERTAKING LAUNCHED IN 1962 WITH THE AID OF THE CIA TO CAPTURE " THE COMING REVOLUTION" IN SOUTHERN AFRICA BY TRAINING EXILES FOR POSTS " IN THE POST REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENTS".

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IT HANDLES LARGE NUMBERS OF SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS VISITING THE US AS STATE DEPARTMENT GUESTS, BEING ENTRUSTED WITH THE CRUCIAL BUSINESS OF PLANNING THEIR ITINERARIES, ARRANGING COCKTAIL PARTIES AND DINNERS, CHOOSING THE PEOPLE THEY SHOULD MEET.

WARNING

SIGNIFICANTLY, PERHAPS, WHITE SOUTH AFRICAN GUESTS ARE USUALLY HANDLED BY OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

ALTHOUGH AAI IS SELDOM MENTIONED IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS, IT HAS NEVER MADE ANY SECRET OF ITS COMMITMENT TO RADICAL CHANGE IN THIS COUNTRY.

THE FIRST WARNING OF ITS ACTIVITIES SHOULD HAVE COME AFTER AAI, TOGETHER WITH SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, SPONSORED A TWO-DAY "WORKSHOP" AT LUBIN HOUSE, NEW YORK CITY, IN APRIL 1967.

A TOTAL OF 58 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE "WORKSHOP" , INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE UNITED NATIONS, VARIOUS EUROPEAN AND INDEPENDENT AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS, AGENCIES OF THE US GOVERNMENT, AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND ACCORDING TO THE INVITATION LIST, MR. EDWIN KHABELO OF THE ANC; MR. TESTUS MUUNDJANA OF

SWANU (SWA NATIONAL UNION); MR. SAM NUJOMA, SWAPO; MR. JOHN SIMONS, OF THE WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE; MR. HARVEY HALL, OF THE FORD FOUNDATION.
A REPORT ISSUED AFTER THE "WORKSHOP" GIVES A GOOD IDEA OF THE ATTITUDE OF THE AAI IN PERFORMING ITS EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS:

STRUGGLE

"IT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR REFUGEES FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA.. BECAUSE THEY ARE SYMBOLS OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM AND FOR THE MAJORITY RULE IN THEIR COUNTRIES, AND BECAUSE THEY WILL BE NEEDED IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND IN THE SUBSEQUENT PROCESS OF NATIONBUILDING.
"THE OBJECTIVES OF SUCH TRAINING SHOULD BE .. TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM

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"SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAINING SHOULD BE AWARDED WHERE POSSIBLE TO STUDENTS AFFILIATED WITH A LIBERATION MOVEMENT.
"REFUGEE STUDENTS AT US INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE HELPED TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO PRESERVE THEIR SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO THEIR CAUSE.

OVERTHROW

"WHATEVER STEPS ARE TAKEN TO SOLVE SHORT-TERM PROBLEMS, THERE IS ONLY ONE ULTIMATE SOLUTION TO THE OVER-ALL PROBLEMS. THIS IS THE OVERTHROW OF MINORITY REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE LOBERATION OF THE SOUTHERN TIER OF THE CONTINENT".
NO SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSPAPER AT THE TIME APPEARS TO HAVE OBTAINED THIS REPORT, WHICH WAS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ABOUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S GENEROUS SUPPORT OF SUCH A COMMITTED ORGANISATION.
NEXT INSIGHT INTO AAI'S ACTIVITIES COMES WITH ITS QUARTERLY REPORT
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FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1967. AGAIN DEALING WITH BLACK STUDENTS UNDER ITS PATRONAGE, AAI SAYS:
" ANTICIPATING REPATRIATION OF THESE STUDENTS TO AFRICA, AAI STAFF ARE HELPING THEM TO OBTAIN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND TO FIND EMPLOYMENT IN AFRICA, EITHER IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES- WHERE FEASIBLE - OR WITH THEIR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OR IN INDEPENDENT AFRICA".
IN 1971 MR. WILLIAM R. COTTER, SERVING PRESIDENT OF THE AAI, TESTIFIED BEFORE THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON AFRICA OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE. THIS TESTIMONY WAS READ INTO THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON JUNE 1, 1971.

MR COTTER IS REPORTED THERE AS SAYING:
VIOLENCE.

" BEFORE DISCUSSING WHAT US BUSINESS SHOULD DO WITH RESPECT TO ITS INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, I MUST FIRST OUTLINE WHAT I BELIEVE SHOULD BE THE GOVERNING CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING ALL US INVOLVEMENT- PUBLIC AS WELL AS PRIVATE - WITH SOUTH AFRICA.
"FOR ME, THE LITMUS TEST IS SIMPLE. WHEN REVIEWING A US ACTIVITY WE SHOULD ASK: CAN IT LEAD TO CHANGES IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH WILL RESULT, AS IMMEDIATELY AS POSSIBLE, IN ENDING APARTHEID AND MINORITY RULE IN THAT COUNTRY?
"I PERSONALLY AM IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH THOSE WHO CALL FOR THE STRONGEST MEASURES BY THE US TO ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF CHANGE WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA. NOR WOULD I AUTOMATICALLY RULE OUT VIOLENCE AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR OBTAINING THE RIGHTS OF THE NON-WHITE MAJORITY".
MR COTTER IN HIS TESTIMONY PROPOSED THAT US BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS IN SOUTH AFRICA TAKE A WHOLE SERIES OF STEPS TO FORCE CHANGE FROM WITHIN.
"MOREOVER, AND PERHAPS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN TERMINATING THE 'APPEARANCE OF APPROVAL' WHICH US BUSINESS PRESENCE GIVES TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN SYSTEM, IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL WOULD HELP GUARANTEE.. THAT WHEN REVOLUTION COMES TO SOUTH AFRICA WE WILL NOT BE DRAWN INTO THE CONFLICT ON THE WRONG SIDE BECAUSE OF OUR ECONOMIC TIES TO THE PRESENT REGIME. WE WOULD THEN BE FREE
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TO SUPPORT REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE IN A DIRECT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER".

REVOLT.

LAWYERS WHO HAVE EXAMINED THIS PASSAGE AGREE THAT MR. COTTER DELIBERATELY PROPOSED BEFORE AMERICA'S LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY THAT A REVOLUTION IN SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE LEGITIMATE AND THAT SUPPORT FOR TERRORIST MOVEMENTS WAS LAUDABLE.

YET, AGAIN, THERE IS NO RECORD THAT ANY QUESTIONS ANYWHERE WERE ASKED ABOUT THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT AND USE OF HIS ORGANISATION, OR THAT ANY PRESS COMMENT WAS MADE ON MR. COTTER'S OUTSPOKEN SUPPORT OF REVOLUTION..

IN 1971 THE AAI PUBLISHED ITS FIRST ANNUAL REPORT. HER IT DEALT AT LENGTH WITH THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN STUDENT PROGRAMME:

" ALTHOUGH NO ONE COULD PREDICT HOW SOON THE WAVE OF INDEPENDENCE MIGHT REACH INTO THE SOUTH, IT WAS FELT THAT TRAINING SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR SOUTHERN AFRICAN REFUGEE STUDENTS WHO MIGHT EVENTUALLY PLAY A ROLE IN GOVERNING THEIR HOME COUNTRIES..."

ACCORDING TO THE SAME REPORT, AAI HAD TO THAT DATE ALREADY SPENT R12 513 000 ON THE SASP PROGRAMME. THIS COMPRISED R4,8-MILLION ON SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS FROM SOUTHERN AFRICA, R83 000 FOR THE BUILDING OF THE KURASINI INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CENTRE IN DAR-ES-SALAAM; R630 000 FOR THE BUILDING OF THE NKUMBI INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE IN ZAMBIA, AND R7-MILLION FOR THE SASP PROGRAMME GENRALLY. BOTH NKUMBI AND KURASINI ARE LARGELY OCCUPIED BY SOUTH AFRICAN BLACK EXILE STUDENTS.

OVER AND ABOVE THESE ACTIVITIES, AAI ALSO FINANCES THE PUBLICATION, "AFRICA REPORT", QUITE OFTEN POSITIVE IN ITS ATTITUDES TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA BUT OVER THE LONG PERIOD GENRALLY NEGATIVE.

AAI IS ALSO KNOWN TO ACT AS STRATEGY ADVISER TO A NUMBER OF BLACK HOMELAND LEADERS. KIRBY

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